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City gets India's first

Public Bicycle Sharing initiative

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah pedals around Hardinge Circle to launch 'Trin Trin'

Mysuru, June 4 (SP&BCT)- Finally, after several months of dilly-dallying and procrastination on launch date, the city of Mysuru got to hear the soothing "Trin Trin" sound reverberating across its streets this morning. India's first Public Bicycle Sharing initiative was launched by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah at Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Circle (old Hardinge Circle).

A visibly elated Siddharamaiah rode a cycle along with Urban Development Minister R. Roshan Baig, PWD and Mysuru District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MP R. Dhruvanarayan, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, MLA M.K. Somashekar and others. As the CM was in action, video and photo journalists ran behind him to capture the best moment.

Due to the inauguration and VIP movement at the busy Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Circle, the entire area was cordoned off leading to huge traffic jams around the area and on the roads that linked other localities. The Police had blocked entrances via Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Circle to City Bus Stand, Sub-urban Bus Stand, Chamundi Hill Road and Exhibition Grounds Road, leading to bumper-to-bumper traffic.

To mark the day of Trin Trin launch, a "Cycle Day" was also flagged off near Hardinge Circle. The aim of "Cycle Day" was to encourage and give citizens the confidence to use a fuel-free means of transportation like cycling for short distance commutes.

Speaking after inaugurating the initiative, CM Siddharamaiah said that Mysuru has got a new sobriquet as "India's First Cycle City". "It is a proud moment for us and Mysuru is one among the 600 cities in the world that have the bicycle sharing system," he said.

Directing the authorities to introduce more senior citizen-friendly cycles, the CM said that the present cycles were not fit for the elderly but only suited people below 30 years of age.

(See BICYCLE on page 6)

Karnad recalls A.K. Ramanujan's Mysuru link at Literature Fest

Former Union Minister P. Chidambaram speaks this evening

Girish Karnad is seen delivering the keynote address at Mysuru Lit Festival in city this morning.

Mysuru, June 4 (NNN)- The fragrance of the Mysuru Literature Festival, organised by the Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Book Clubs 2015, wafted across the old neighbourhood heritage structure, Wind Chimes, in Nazarbad, as Jnanpith Awardee Girish Karnad delivered the keynote address, setting the tone for the day-long festival. Rightly choosing A.K. Ramanujan, the poet and scholar of Indian literature who hailed from Mysuru as the topic for the inauguration of the literature festival, Karnad wove tales of how the litterateur gathered old tales "Ajji Kathegalu," also called Kitchen Tales.

"The ladies would sit in the kitchen during evenings and first serve food to the children, then to men and finally they ate. But while serving the food to the boys who were all aged between 6 and 10, they would tell them tales probably to make them eat well," said Karnad and added, "but by the time they reached the age of ten the boys would be expelled from the kitchen."

(See KARNAD on page 6)

Two-day Congress Mega Rally

Venue deserted; stalls abandoned on day two

Mysuru, June 4 (RKB&BCT)- The Maharaja's College Grounds that was a beehive of activity yesterday wore a deserted look this morning, the second day of the mega Congress show.

Over 25,000 people had attended the 'Kotta Maatu Ditta Sadhane' programme that began yesterday to highlight the achievements of Congress Government in Karnataka led by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah.

Though it was announced that it was a two-day event, a part of the massive pendals were being removed when *Star of Mysore* visited the College grounds this morning. More than 50 stalls that were set up by various Departments were found abandoned.

Apart from the workers who were engaged in removing the pendals and cut-outs, there was not a single official at the venue. Most of the senior officials of the district were busy with CM's engagements in city this morning.

As part of the cultural events, playback singer Naveen Sajju will perform from 7 pm to 9 pm today. Prior to that, Swaha Team will perform with percussion music from 6 pm to 7 pm.

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Programme on "Integrated Water Resources Management" at V-LEAD

Mysuru, June 4-Vivekananda Institute for Leadership Development (V-LEAD), an initiative of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), Mysuru, is conducting a Management Development Programme (MDP) on "Integrated Water Resource Management" (IWRM) for the Engineers of State Government at V-LEAD Campus from June 5 to 17.

The main objective of this two-week residential course is to increase the knowledge of water resources management and prepare the engineers to meet the challenges that are faced in India with special emphasis on Karnataka.

The course is specifically designed for the Engineers of Irrigation, Water Resources Department and the Staff of Command Area Development Authority, Department of Agriculture.

The event will be inaugurated on Monday at 10.45 am at V-LEAD Campus in Hebbal in the presence of Prof. Kenneth Irvine, Chair of Aquatic Ecosystems, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, Netherlands; B.G. Gurupadaswamy, Secretary, Water Resources Department and Madhava, Registrar, Advanced Centre for Integrated Water Resources Management (ACIWRM). The programme will be presided over by Dr. (Flt. Lt.) M.A. Balasubramanya, Secretary and CEO, SVYM.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Who hasn't received or given a gift at one time or the other? A gift is an expression of love and care and serves as the reinforcement of the same. Exchange of gifts grabs a vital slice in the pie chart of social niceties. At times, formal gifting becomes a burden as I've heard people with a wide social circle comment wryly that they earmark a princely sum each month for gifts.

Perhaps as a result of such comments, it is seen that phrases like 'your presence is a present,' 'presents in blessings only,' and so on are printed on the invite itself. This can be taken at the word or not, with the hosts vehemently refusing the gift or graciously accepting it when forced upon. The husband and I discreetly carry an envelope and on observing the trend, either part hands with it or bring it back with us.

What to give and how much to give is the question troubling all and sundry. Some are votaries of giving as per the budget of the giver whereas others argue the gift should match the status of the recipient. The Lord that He is, Shri Krishna accepted with great pleasure the morsels of parched rice given hesitantly by his close buddy Sudama, and blessed him multifold. But we are unlikely to find such munificence of thought amongst mortals. — *Sandhya Vasudev in The New Indian Express.*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Tree in the middle of football field

Beijing: Students at Beijing's Yucai High School have to be very careful when playing football on the school's well-maintained field. That's because it has a 100-year-old tree growing smack in the middle of it.

Yucai High School is reportedly surrounded by various historical buildings, and this was the only available space for a football field. Before starting work on site, the school had asked permission for the tree transplanted someother place, but they were notified that it was hundreds of years old, and considered a national treasure. Interestingly, Yucai High School is built on the grounds of Beijing's legendary Royal Gardens of the Minq and Qing dynasties, and the Beijing News claims that the strangely-located elm tree is the oldest tree in the Chinese capital. Playing a serious game of football on this field is frustrating, with "intercepted" by the tree's branches, and short ones getting deflected by its trunk, but, luckily official matches in inter-school competitions are played at a different venue.

New app for drunkards

London: *DrnkPay* is a smartphone app that stops users from making purchases while drunk, which is apparently something people end up regretting. It was developed by UK financial consultancy company iBe TSE, after research found that half of British alcohol drinkers admitted that they regret a purchase made when drunk. But how does a smartphone app know when you're drunk, right? Well, that's what the companion breathalyzer is for. It connects to your smartphone and sends data to the DrnkPay app whenever you blow in it. It locks your credit cards for 12 hours. The app also comes with a less conspicuous alternative — a bracelet-like biosensor, which constantly analyses the alcohol content in the user's bloodstream. For DrnkPay to work, users should link their credit/debit cards to the app. Also, the app allows you only block the cards for certain things, like online shopping, bars, food, etc., and also comes with a "Help me out" feature, which calls an emergency Uber to take you home.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is Marijuana addictive?

More rigorous studies are needed now that this schedule 1 drug has been legalised by several States in the US. Most experts believe that between 2% and 9% of users become dependent.

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Selected for Literary award

Mysuru, June 4- Dr. Neelagiri M. Talwar, faculty, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies, University of Mysore, has been chosen for Prof. Mallepuram Literary Award for the year 2017.

The award is instituted by Kalaburagi-based Prof. Mallepuram Samskruthika Prathishtana. Dr. Talwar will receive the award at a programme to take place at Ideal Fine Art Institute in Kalaburagi at 10.30 am on June 5.

'Creativity and Problem Solving' event at SDM-IMD

Mysuru, June 4-A one-day Management Development Program (MDP) on Creativity and Problem Solving was conducted at SDM-IMD in city recently.

Dr. R. Jagadeesh, Dean - Academics, and Professor of Operations Management, guided the participants from various industries on different aspects of creativity and discussed the problem solving methods. The programme included topics such as basic elements for understanding creativity, problem solving, and creative problem solving and their implications for managing change.

In addition, self-assessment about being creative, barriers to creativity, enabling creativity to improve business, were also discussed through classroom lectures, presentations, games, hands-on exercises and case studies.

Admission to LL.B courses

Mysuru, June 4-Applications are invited from candidates who have passed PUC (SC/ST-40 percent, OBC-42 percent, general 45 percent marks) for admission to B.A.LL.B and B.Com. LL.B 5 years Integrated Programme at Mysore University School of Law, Manasagangothri, for the academic year 2017-18.

Applications are available at the School Office during office hours from June 5 onwards. Last date for submitting filled-in applications to the Director, Mysore University School of Law, is June 29. For details contact the Director on Ph:0821-2419849 or visit University website:*www.uni-mysore-ac. in.*

Really...?

- ***Ostriches can run faster than horses, and the males can roar like lions.***
- ***On average, dogs have better eyesight than humans, although not as colourful.***
- ***In Alaska, it is illegal to whisper in someone's ear while they're moose hunting.***
- ***If you lift a kangaroo's tail off the ground it can't hop – they use their tails for balance.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

At late night, husband checks his wife's mobile when it beeped, gets angry and wakes her up.
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VOICE OF THE READER

Mysuru Passport Seva Kendra is 'working'

Sir,

Recently an article was published in *SOM* stating that the new Passport Office in Mysuru is not serving the people of Mysuru and surrounding districts and it's just a dispatch unit.

I was applying for my passport so I asked my friend about this and they all told me to go to Bengaluru. But I took a chance and took a scheduled interview in Mysuru. I got my passport in my hand exactly one month from the date I applied, thanks to *Star of Mysore* for that article which made all the difference. I also thank our MP and all the Passport Kendra officials concerned.

So all the people who had a fear or doubt on the service of Mysuru Passport Seva Office, please go ahead and make the best use of it.

—C. Dhanush

Mysuru
29.5.2017

Install pedestrian crossing over-bridges on wheels instead of subways

Sir,

This is with reference to the news item ***"Right time to open subway for pedestrians"*** *(SOM* dated May 2) at Dasara Exhibition Grounds, wherein it was wrongly indicated that it was under lock since its inauguration, which is not correct. Traffic Police are trying their best to direct the people towards the subway whenever the exhibition is open for public in Dasara Exhibition Grounds. However, public always complain about its poor maintenance and hence, they prefer to cross over the road, risking the heavy traffic, which is also true as I have also walked through the subway several times closing my nose.

Under Indian conditions, where civic sense is lacking in many people, it may be better if pedestrian crossing over-bridges are placed near the Palace East gate side and also at four sides of K.R. Circle. The bridges at K.R. Circle may be provided with wheels, like the one connecting Vaikuntam Q Complex and Srivari Nilayam in Tirumala. During the Dasara procession, this bridge can be moved to a side or relocated and after the event, it can be put back in its position. This avoids a lot of congestion on B.N. Road, especially during Dasara season and also at K.R. Circle, as most of the times even well-educated people try to cross the road when green signal is not given for them to cross *(see photo)* due to lack of patience, risking themselves by standing in the middle of the road and disrupting the traffic movement.

The authorities concerned may look into the possibility of installing such bridges in the city. Otherwise subways should be made user-friendly. The only disadvantage with crossover bridges is that aged people may not be able to climb it.

—A Traffic Warden

Mysuru
30.5.2017

Obituary

Dr. Shankar P. Hosamani

Mysuru, June 4- Dr. Shankar P. Hosamani (72), retd. Professor of Botany Department, University of Mysore, passed away yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites today at 3.30 pm at Veerashaiva burial ground in Vidyaranyapuram.

H. Narayana Swamy

H. Narayana Swamy (79), a resident of Yadavagiri in city, passed away at a private hospital here yesterday. He leaves behind a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam here. Body will be kept for public viewing tomorrow from 9.30 am to 11.30 am. Family can be contacted on Mob: 94483-55274.

M.P. Shrikantaiah

M.P. Shrikantaiah (79), a retired employee of Government Textbook Printing Press, owner of Saraswathi Book Binder Press in Saraswathipuram and a resident of Sharadadevi Nagar in city, passed away last night.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Venkatamma

Venkatamma (70), wife of late Drama Master Dr. M. Ranga Ramaiah of Bidaraguru village in Nanjangud, passed away yesterday. She leaves behind six sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Bidaragudu this morning.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Taluk Panchayat special meeting

A special meeting of Mysuru Taluk Panchayat (TP) has been convened at the TP Hall (Mini Vidhana Soudha Room No. 212) at 11 am on June 6 (Tuesday). The meeting will be chaired by TP President Kalamma Kemparamaiah.

Visual Arts

Sree Kalanikethana School of Art, Mysuru, has invited applications from eligible candidates for training, Bachelor of Visual Arts (Painting) and Applied Art degree courses. Candidates having passed SSLC are eligible to apply. Last date to apply is June 10. For details, contact Mob: 98447-75238 or 97429-18181 or visit CA-15, 2nd Stage, Vijayanagar, Mysuru.

CESC sub-division office shifted

The CESC Chamundipuram Sub-division office, which was hitherto functioning from a building opposite Sterling Theatre in Vidyaranyapuram has now been shifted to its own building located behind Jwalamukhi Rice Mill on Manandavadi Road. However, the cash payment counter (ATP counter) will function from the building opposite the old office building near Sterling Theatre. Following the shifting, the new address of CESC office is as follows: CESC Chamundipuram Sub-Division office, near 66/11KV Distribution Station, Manandavadi Road, Mysuru [Ph: 0821-2488400].

Workshop

The Karnataka Fire and Emergency Services Department will be organising a 3-day workshop on fire-safety at Hebbal Fire Station premises from June 15 to 17. Petrol bunk staff, cracker and explosives stockists, school/ college teachers, factory, mall, hospital personnel etc. from Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan and Chamarajanagar districts can take part. Those interested may register at the office of the Regional Fire Officer, Saraswathipuram Fire Station, Mysuru. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2343944/ 9481308786.

Felicitation

Mysuru District PU Physics Lecturers Forum will be felicitating students who have scored 100 marks in Physics during the II PUC Exam (2016-17). Interested may register their names within June 5 or contact A. Ramegowda (94485-81967) or B.R. Neelakanta (98456-17561) or B. Sannegowda (99003-73206) or Srinivas Murthy (94480-06245).

Poetry award

A. Hemaganga, Kannada poetess, has been awarded 'Vishwakavi Kuvempu Kavya Prashathi' in the State-level poetry contest organised by Gramanthara Buddhijeevigala Balaga, K.R. Nagar. Dr. G.D. Joshi, a renowned writer from Mumbai, presented the award.

Chief Minister to decide on farm loan waiver 'at the right time'

Mysuru, June 4- Blaming the Union Government of meting out a step-motherly treatment to Karnataka and saying that BJP leaders in the State are enacting a drama to attract Dalit voters, Chief Minister Siddharamaiah said that he would take an appropriate decision 'at the right time' regarding farm loan waiver.

He was speaking at 'Kotta Maatu Ditta Sadhane' and 'Sarakari Soulabhya Vitarana Sambhrama' a mega convention held at the Maharaja's College Grounds yesterday.

The event was held to distribute entitlements to beneficiaries from eight districts of Mysuru Division comprising Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu, Udupi, Chikkamagaluru, Dakshina Kannada and Hassan districts.

The CM said that he would wait for a few days for the Union Government's decision on farm loans and then announce the State's stand. "The BJP has been stating that it would bring four lakh farmers to Bengaluru to impress upon the State Government to waive farm loans. Let its State President B.S. Yeddyurappa first convince Prime Minister Narendra Modi to waive farm loans. Modi's predecessor Manmohan Singh had waived farm loans worth Rs. 72,000 crore," Siddharamaiah said.

He said that the total loans taken by farmers in the State was Rs. 52,000 crore of which Rs. 42,000 crore was from nationalised banks, while Rs. 10,000 crore was from cooperative institutions. "I have been urging the Union Government to waive farm loans, but it continues to be indifferent to the State Government's plea," the CM said.

"All the BJP MPs and leaders from Karnataka had remained silent when I took an all-party delegation to meet the Prime Minister to apprise him of the drought and agricultural crises, and the imperativeness of loan waivers. This illustrated their hollowness," Siddharamaiah charged.

"The Karnataka BJP leaders have resorted to theatrics to attract Dalit voters by visiting their house. Yeddyurappa and other leaders did not partake the food prepared in the Dalit's house but ordered food from hotels. The BJP is anti-Dalit and backward classes," he said. Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan said that the Union Government has not released a single rupee for programmes like Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for road connectivity and Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana since three years.

The Union Government has adopted a step-motherly attitude towards Karnataka, he said. "While the State Government has announced Rs. 27,730 crore for development of SC/STs, the Union has earmarked only Rs. 65,000 crore for the whole country," he said.

Former Union Minister Oscar Fernandes said that Karnataka is a model State and he compared Siddharamaiah to economist Chanakya for his programmes.

Ministers Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, U.T. Khader, R. Roshan Baig, H. Anjaneya, A. Manju, MLAs Kalale N. Keshavamurthy, Vasu, Somashekar, Venkatesh and H.P. Manjunath were present.

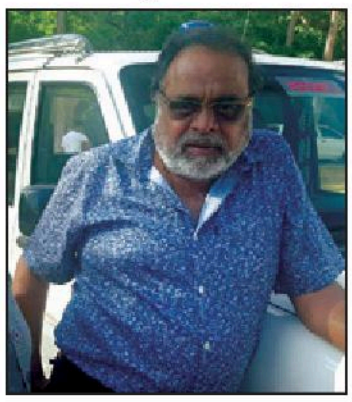
CM Siddharamaiah views a kaleidoscope, which displays various flagship programmes of the Congress Government.

Ambarish takes pot-shot at CM Siddharamaiah

Says the CM has delivered speech much longer than the dialogues he had delivered in 230 films

Mysuru, June 4 (MTY&DM)- Taking a pot-shot at Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, former Minister Ambarish said that he had not delivered dialogues as much as Chief Minister's speech yesterday, in his (Ambarish) entire film career spanning over 230 films.

Ambarish, who began his speech after being asked to by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah after he (CM) concluded his long address at the 'Sarakari Soulabhya Vitarana Sambhrama' mega event at Maharaja's College Grounds here yesterday, said that the Congress Government had completed four years of good governance in the State.



Ambarish

The CM has explained all the welfare schemes launched by the Government in these four years, he said. But Ambarish, who was apparently disappointed as the CM forgot to mention the achievements of the Housing Department, when he (Ambarish) was the Housing Minister for 3 years, took a jibe at the Chief Minister in a lighter vein stating that the CM in his long address, had forgot to mention that the Housing Department had bagged 3 gold medals for good performance.

Continuing his speech, Ambarish praised the Chief Minister for all the development works and welfare schemes he had launched in the four years.

Even as he was in the midst of his speech, Ambarish who noticed some people surrounding the Chief Minister, asked them to first listen to him.

Ambarish at the end of his speech, reminded the Chief Minister of the promise he had made in front of Beereshwara Temple at Mandya a couple of months ago.

Ambarish without mentioning the promise, asked the CM to fulfil the promise he had made then. But the audience was left wondering on the promise made by the CM, as said by Ambarish.

2-day Kabaddi Tournament for BJP workers begins

Mysuru, June 4 (YDS&DM)- The two-day Kabaddi Tournament for BJP workers of K.R. Assembly Constituency, organised by K.R. BJP Yuva Morcha as part of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Centenary celebrations, began at the ground opposite Panchagavi Mutt, Gowri Shankarnagar, here yesterday. Actor Srinagara Kitty inaugurated the Tournament by showering petals on the portrait of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya .

Speaking on the occasion, MP Pratap Simha, who is also State BJP Yuva Morcha President, said the Kabaddi Tournament is aimed at bringing youths from urban and rural areas alike closer to the party. The Tournament is being organised across the State and the one held at Chikkaballapur recently had drawn huge crowds he said and added that a State-level Kabaddi Tournament will be organised at Kolar in the coming days.

Kabaddi... Kabaddi... ***MP and State BJP Yuva Morcha President Pratap Simha in action.***

In all, 21 teams from 21 MCC Wards falling under K.R. Constituency are taking part in this Tournament, which concludes today.

Panchagavi Mutt's Basavalinga Swamiji, City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, K.R. Constituency BJP Yuva Morcha President H.S. Jaishankar, City Yuva Morcha President Gokul Govardhan, Corporators B.V. Manjunath, M.V. Ramprasad, Seema Prasad and Jagadish, leaders Mallappa Gowda, M. Rajendra, Somasundar, Shivakumar, Devaraj, Mysuru Travels Association President B.S. Prashanth and others were present during the occasion.

Minister Khader turns Good Samaritan, rushes to accident victim's aid

Mysuru, June 4- Food and Civil Supplies Minister U.T. Khader on Saturday rushed to the aid of an accident victim by shifting him to a nearby hospital in his vehicle.

Khader, who was bound for Mangaluru in his official car after attending 'Sarakari Soulabhya Vitarana Sambhrama' event at Maharaja's College Grounds in city, noticed an accident victim being attended by a few locals after his two-wheeler hit a cow near Hinkal. Khader, who stopped his car, rushed to the spot and shifted the injured victim to a nearby hospital, even as the locals were waiting for an ambulance. The injured is identified as Imtiyaz.

It may be recalled here that the Minister had turned good Samaritan by shifting an injured accident victim to a nearby hospital in a earlier incident that took place a couple of months ago.

Police Inspectors transferred

Mysuru, June 4- The State Government on Friday transferred 21 Police Inspectors across Karnataka.

As per Friday's transfers, Devaraja Police Inspector S. Nagesh has been transferred to Police Training School (PTS) in city while Thimmaraju, who had been serving at PTS, has been posted as the new Devaraja Police Inspector.

In another transfer, Anil, who was serving as ACB (Anti Corruption Bureau) Inspector, has been posted as the new Vijayanagar Police Inspector.

He replaces A. Guruprasad, who has been posted as ACB Inspector in the city.

Power disruption

Mysuru, June 4- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power will be disrupted on June 6 from 10 am to 6 pm, in following areas: Nadanahalli Village, Prakruti Layout, Vasantanagar, Chikkahalli, Varuna, Dandikere, Vajamangala, M.B. Halli, Sajje Hundi, Jantagalli, Yandalli, Varakodu, Kempegowdanahundi, Badagalahundi, Moodalahundi, Chatnahalli and Halagayyanahundi, Chattnahalli Palya and surroundings areas.

Map in new Congress booklet shows J&K as 'Indian occupied Kashmir'

Lucknow, June 4- The Congress kicked up a controversy yesterday after it described Jammu and Kashmir as "Indian occupied Kashmir" in a booklet it published that talks about the failures of three years of the Narendra Modi Government. The book was released at a press conference in Lucknow which was attended by Congress leaders Ghulam Nabi Azad and Raj Babbar.

On the 12th page of the 15-page booklet, *Aanch*, a wrong map of Kashmir was published labelling the State as "Indian-occupied Kashmir." The page talks about the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor project and its consequences for India.

The BJP condemned the gaffe and demanded an apology from the party. "Is Congress speaking the language of Pakistan?" Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said. "By projecting Kashmir as India-occupied Kashmir, the Congress party has not only made separatists happy but also gladdened the heart of its patrons across the border."

Meanwhile, Congress said the gaffe was a "printing error." "However, we should have taken caution, we have committed a grave mistake," Congress leader Ajay Maken said. "We will ensure that such type of errors is not repeated." However, Maken said the BJP had committed a similar mistake in 2014 when it displayed the same map on its website. "The difference is that we apologise for our mistake immediately," Maken said. "Till now they have not apologised."

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Karnad recalls A.K. Ramanujan's Mysuru link

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Referring to Indologist Robert Redford who had said that only 10 percent had real culture and the remaining 90 percent were ignorant, Karnad called it the area of darkness and said Ramanujan was livid with this explanation and talked about the oral tradition that India has which the Indologist was ignorant of.

Taking a dig at the men whom, he termed 'wimps,' Karnad said, "But the distinguishing feature of all these oral tales is that in them it is the women who have the energy, wisdom, foresight and cunning to save their men. The men are 'wimps', only too susceptible to control by other women, usually mothers, courtesans or in-laws. Ultimately, it is the woman's enterprise that saves the marriage. It is a world where women are firmly in charge."

"In the classical tale, Sita, Savitri and Draupadi are chaste, devoted to their husbands. In oral tales, women cheat, take on lovers. Adultresses triumph," he said.

Reciting an excerpted version of the poem of Ramanujan titled, 'Still Another View of Grace' he said, "I think it is about what happened to him when he left the claustrophobic, segregated and puritanical society in which he was brought up in India, to be launched on a life of sexual freedom, devoid of social constraints but fraught with indefinable anxieties and fears, in the West."

"Today there is more entertainment on television which is trash but it was the tales told earlier which kept your mind alive. The three things that were talked about at home were — food, daughter and tale and stories worked as a social function," he said.

Indira Brunner Chandrashekar of *Out of Print* magazine introduced Girish Karnad.

Earlier, Dr. Pramoda Devi Wadiyar inaugurated the Festival, industrialist M. Jagannath Shenoi released the logo of the Forum, and V-LEAD's Dr. Balasubramaniam and author Aroon Raman released the newsletter 'The Book Leaf.'

Girish Karnad read a poem of Gopal Krishna Adiga, poet Vanamala Vishwanath also read a poem of Adiga, while Vasudendhra read excerpts from M.K. Indira's *Gejje Puje* and Shuba Sanjay Urs read the text from *Phaniyamma*. Author Vivek Shanba compered.

Chairman of the Charitable Trust Shuba Sanjay Urs welcomed and Secretary of the Trust Vinaya Prabhavathy proposed a vote of thanks. Nearly 500 people are participating in the day-long Festival.

Javagal Srinath participates: There was lively panel discussion on cricket with the three panellists — former international cricketer and Mysuru's own Javagal Srinath, cricket writers Suresh Menon and R. Kaushik, both of Wisden India, participating.

Asked about how he felt when he hit a batsman while bowling which drew blood, Srinath said, "Because I am Mysurean, I felt really bad at that moment. You need to have that compassion."

And to a question as to why he did not concentrate on batting, his repartee was, "I had fractured my fingers seven times and all the times while batting!"

Some of the authors present included Air Marshall K.C. Cariappa (retd.), Aditya Sinha, Manoj Pillai, Sujata Rampal, Mahesh Rao, Yamini Muthanna, Anjum Hasan, Pranav Shivanna, Dharani Devi Malgatti and Zac O'yeah.

Chidambaram in city

Mysuru, June 4 (NNN)- Former Union Minister P. Chidambaram arrived in city by road to participate in the Mysuru Literature Festival. He will be delivering the valedictory address at 5.30 pm at Winds Chimes. After attending a wedding in Madurai, he flew to Bengaluru, from where he came by road and reached the city at 2 pm.

Fashion extravaganza by Impressionz

IGP (Southern Range) Vipul Kumar and his wife Priyanka** (2nd from left) **inaugurated the fashion extravaganza organised by Impressionz, headed by city-based designer Krupa Sumanth** (centre), **at Hotel Southern Star in city this morning. The expo is open to public today and tomorrow from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm.

Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti celebrated in city

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, who inaugurated Rajarshi Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti celebrations in city this morning, is seen with Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, MP R. Dhruvanarayan, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and MLAs Somashekar and Vasu.

Mysuru, June 4 (PM&DM)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah showered flowers on the statue of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar at K.R. Circle in city this morning to mark Rajarshi Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti celebrations, jointly organised by the District Administration, Kannada and Culture Department, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Ursu Jayantotsava Samiti and Federation of Ursu organisations. District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MP R. Dhruvanarayan, MLAs M.K. Somashekar and Vasu, Corporator Prashanth Gowda and others were present.

Marking the celebrations, a grand procession, accompanied by folk teams, Police band and Mounted Police, will be taken out later in the afternoon from City Palace to Kalamandira where a stage programme is scheduled to take place at 5 pm. The event will be followed by the enactment of a play 'Praja Raja' on the life of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar by artistes from Prajna Samskrutika Trust, Mysuru, at 6 pm.

Public Bicycle Sharing initiative

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He recalled his younger days where he had to cycle from Mysuru to his native Siddaramanahundi. "Even I had seen the cycle system in Belgium where my son Rakesh was admitted to a hospital," Siddharamaiah said.

ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

Public Bicycle Sharing (PBS) is a system where bicycles are owned and operated by a civic administration and its associates, for shared, short-term use by local residents as well as visitors, on an easy rental basis. The system involves borrowing a bicycle from any docking station across the city and returning the borrowed bicycle after a ride to any docking station.

Christened 'Trin Trin', the project is run by the State government and was funded by the World Bank under its Global Environment Facility grant. The Mysuru City Corporation is implementing the project, in collaboration with the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT). The total project cost is Rs. 20 crore.

450 BICYCLES

The PBS system will have 450 bicycles (430 normal and 20 geared cycles) and 48 docking stations at major tourist destinations, universities and offices. The docking stations are automated and users can use a smart card to take cycles from one docking station and return the cycle at any other docking station. On return of the cycle, a nominal user fee would be deducted from the smart card. 'Trin Trin' in Mysuru is being implemented and operated by Green Wheel Ride.

PROMOTIONAL OFFER

As a promotional offer, the bicycles will be given free for first one hour for three months starting today. However, the user has to pay Rs. 50 as user fee every 30 days or Rs. 20 for every 10 days. Only a registered user can unlock the bicycles from docking station. After registration, a user will be given a smart card that can be swiped to remove the bicycle from the docking stations.

The docking stations, which are equipped with CCTV cameras, will be monitored from the control centre in Jayanagar.

Users can have information on availability of bicycles at each docking station by logging on to *www.mytrintrin.com*

HOW DOES IT WORK

- Those who want to rent a bicycle need to register themselves either online or by visiting one of the six registration centres.
- Users will have to obtain a smart card after paying Rs. 350, including a refundable deposit of Rs. 250.
- A processing fee of Rs. 50 and a user fee of Rs. 50 (valid up to one month) are included in the deposit of Rs. 350.
- Renting is free for the first one hour.
- User has to pay Rs. 5 for up to two hours, Rs. 10 up to three hours, Rs. 20 for up to 4 hours, Rs. 50 for up to 6 hours, Rs. 100 for up to 8 hours, Rs. 150 for up to 12 hours, and Rs. 250 for up to 12 hours.
- User has to pay Rs. 50 as user fee every 30 days or Rs. 20 for every 10 days.

City cloth merchant killed in rail mishap at Yadgir

Sushil Lunkar

Mysuru, June 4 (RK&DM)- In a tragic incident, a city cloth merchant was killed when he slipped while boarding a train and came under its wheels at Yadgir town in North Karnataka last night.

The deceased has been identified as Sushil Lunkar (42), son of late Dhanraj Lunkar and a resident of Ittigegud.

Sushil Lunkar, along with his family members and relatives, had gone to Mumbai to attend a wedding five days ago. Sushil was returning from Mumbai by Udyan Express when he alighted from the train at Yadgir Station to fill his water bottle at about 9 pm.

As the train started moving after a brief halt, Sushil rushed back and attempted to board the train holding the water bottle in his hand, when he slipped and fell.

Sushil, who came under the wheels of the moving train, died at the spot, it is learnt. His body was handed over to his family members after the conduct of post-mortem at Yadgir this morning. The Yadgir Railway Police have registered a case. His last rites will be performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city at 10 am tomorrow (June 5), according to family sources.

Sushil is survived by his mother, wife Priyanka, son Pakshal, daughter Himani and a host of relatives and friends. He was a Committee Member of S.S. Jain Yuva Sanghtan and past President of JCI Mysore Royal City.

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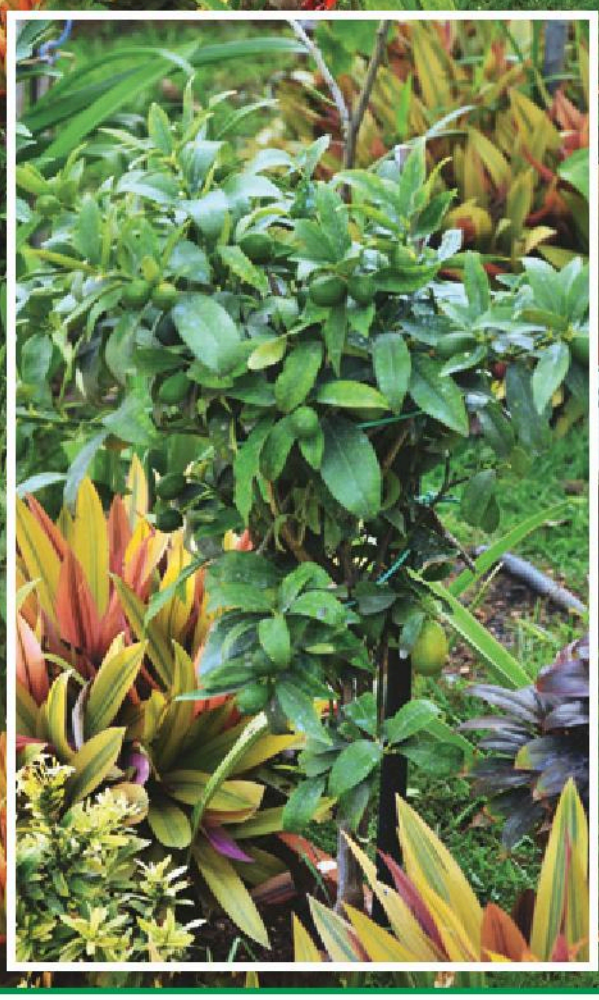
A garden with a difference



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La Gardenia: A paradise of fruit plants

As you enter 'Santrupti'...

Dr. C.N. Mruthyunjayappa-Sudha couple at their home-garden 'Santrupti.'

By Dr. Mahadeswara Swamy

A garden is an outdoor space for cultivation, display and deriving pleasure and enjoyment of plants and other forms of nature. The most common type of garden is a residential garden built around the living place often designated as ornamental, vegetable or mixed on functional basis. While most of the garden types are a result of a particular local climate or landscape, a few gardens are specialised involving different kinds of plants sourced from diverse climatic regions and acclimatised to local weather in mixed plantings.

The garden at **'Santrupti'** in Srirampura, falls into this category. The garden in an area of 120' x 80' plot of land with a house in the middle, encompasses matchless combination of ornamental, vegetable and fruit plants beyond one's imagination. It is a unique type of garden developed by **Dr. C.N. Mruthyunjayappa-Sudha** couple with germplasms (genetic resources) of innumerable varieties of native and exotic plants from various parts of the world (USA, South America, Britain, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, China, Thailand, Malaysia, Africa, Madagascar etc.,) planted therein. It is an amazing home garden-cum-orchard. It can also be called a conservatory of fruit plants sans greenhouse and an open pomology (fruit plant science) laboratory.

The couple claim that the garden houses around 300 varieties of plants which include around 200 varieties of fruit-bearing plants apart from ornamental and vegetable plants. They have travelled across the globe, nook and corners of India to collect these germplasms - a herculean effort by the couple in collecting and nursing these plants.

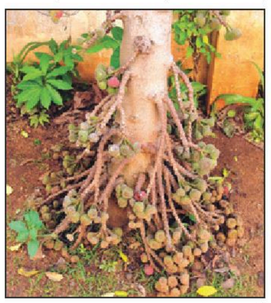
Recognising their outstanding contribution in conservation and sharing of Germplasm (fruits and other crops), Government of India (Ministry of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights Authority, New Delhi), has awarded **"Plant Genome Saviours Farmer Reward 2015"** to Dr. Mruthyunjayappa. He is the second recipient of the Reward from Karnataka ever since it was instituted in 2012. Award is not only a golden feather in the cap of Dr. Mruthyunjayappa-Sudha couple, but also a proud moment for the people of Karnataka in general and Mysuru in particular.

ABOUT THE GARDEN

The garden is aesthetically designed with the front gate opening into a big path way leading to the entrance of the house decorated with exotic climbers on trellis, orchids in hanging pots and colourful lilies on the ground flaunting their gorgeous blooms. The front yard, overlooking the house, adorn the choicest herbs, shrubs and climbers (ornamental, vegetable and fruit) interspersed with trees of various kinds. It includes beautiful climbers like Jade, Mysore clock vine apart from exotic Chestnut, yellow Cassia, holy Himalayan Rudraksha, Sandalwood, Champaka (Magnolia species), Jackfruit trees, Buddha's hand, Madalambica, Thailand Guava (fruits weighing 3 kg), a special variety of Jasmine bush, Euphorbia milii, and other kinds of plants in pots or on ground.

The back yard and the adjoining areas of the house make up most of the garden. This is the prime area and focal point housing most of the plant taxa largely consisting of trees. The shrubs, climbers and herbs form the under storey and blend harmoniously with the tree flora. There is also a pond full of water lilies in various hues and lots of fish moving around flexing their tail back and forth.

A few honey boxes find a place to encourage cross pollination. This area is a home to variety of fruit plants. The centre of attraction is the mango tree with 100 varieties grafted on to a local variety. One can find varieties of fruit trees, most of them grafted: Citrus fruits (25 varieties include musumbe, orange, pomelo and lemon besides a Switzerland lime (red inside), Sapota (4 varieties), Gauva (12 varieties), Jack fruit (10 varieties with one gum-less variety from Madagascar), Pomegranates (6 varieties), Sitaphal, Ramphal and Hanuman phal (all in one plant).



Exotic fig variety; Another side of 'Santrupti'; Beehive ginger (Botanical name: Zingiber spectabile).

Madalambica; Gumless Jackfruit; Monstera Deliciosa (Common names: Mexican pineapple, Swiss cheese plant and fruit salad plant); 100 varieties grafted Mango tree.

There are special kinds of exotic fruit plants unheard-of by most people in Mysuru. To mention a few:

01 **Buddha's hand, a "Lemon with fingers"** — this strange citrus is treasured for its sweet floral fragrance and mild zest. There is little or no flesh or juice inside.

02 **Miracle berry,** a fruit that tricks the tongue causing sour foods to taste sweet.

03 **Peanut butter tree,** the fruits taste similar to peanut butter.

04 **Kumquats,** miniature oval oranges, which have a sour, citrus tang, but peel is sweet and delicious.

05 **Egg fruit or Canistel,** flesh is sweet, with a texture often compared to that of a hard-boiled egg yolk.

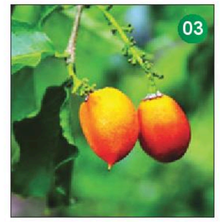
06 **Longsat,** an edible fruit looking like litchi.

07 **Luvia or Seabuckthorn,** the holy fruit of the Himalayas, the orange-coloured pearl-shaped clustered berries are tasty and contain an array of essential fatty acids, vitamins and carotenoids.

08 **Dragon fruit,** a cactus plant with large white flowers and a sweet fragrance produces flaming-pink coloured edible fruits (available in local supermarkets).

09 **Swiss cheese plant or Mexican pine apple,** the ripe fruit tastes like a combination of banana, pineapple and mango (Raw fruit is poisonous).

10 **Rambai or Rambi,** which grows wild and cultivated for its sweet-acid flavoured fruit appreciated in part of Southeast Asia in Thailand and Peninsular Malaysia besides Amla, Wood Apple, Papaya, Mulberry.



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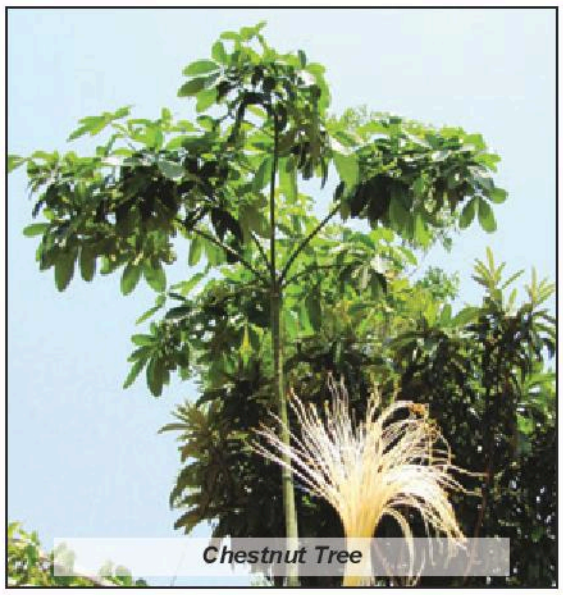
However, I did not notice grapes. The other fruit varieties including exotic ones are Apricot, Apple (3 varieties grafted on to one tree), Blackberry, Rose apple (2 varieties), Almond, Sweet Almond (Sakkara badami), Ber, Dates (2 varieties), Mangosteen, Plum, Pistachio, Phalsa, Raspberry, Star cherry, Sweet Tamarind, Kokam, Water apple, Velvet apple besides the rare flowering tree Suragi, special varieties of Drumstick, Agase, Veeranagere brinjal, cherry tomato, hot and sweet chillies, leafy herbs like Mysore betel leaves (2 varieties), mint and many more. The list is endless. I understand the garden is fully organic using only animal manure. No chemical pesticide or fertiliser is applied. Furthermore, the fruits are not harvested by and large but left on the trees for birds which hover around the garden. **[Continued on page 10]**

La Gardenia


Chestnut Tree

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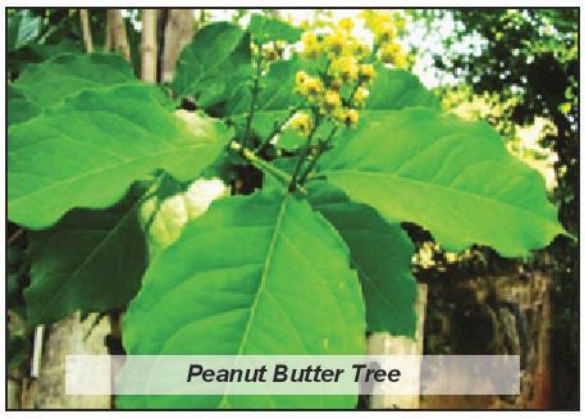
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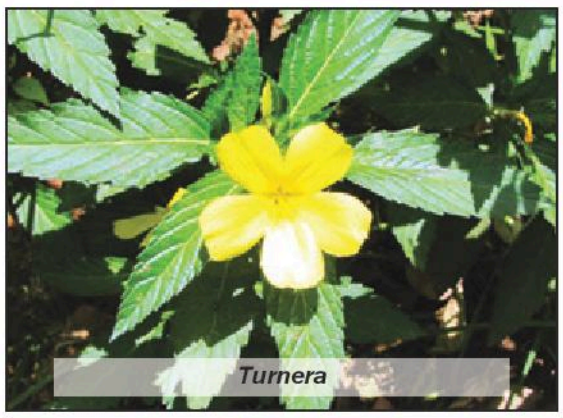
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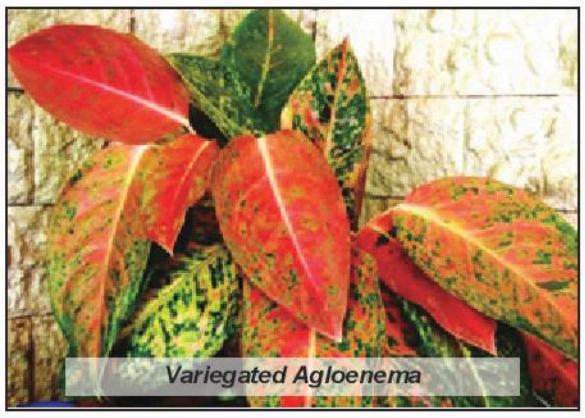
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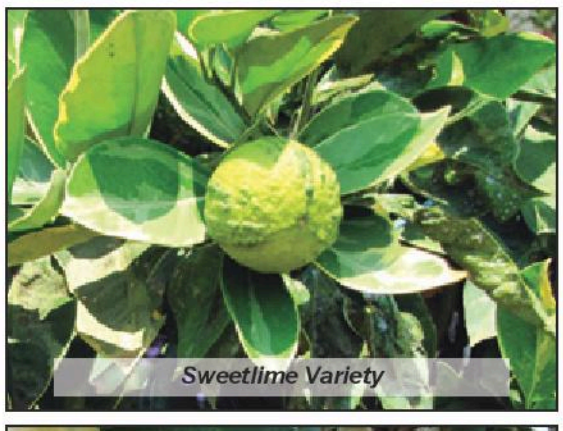
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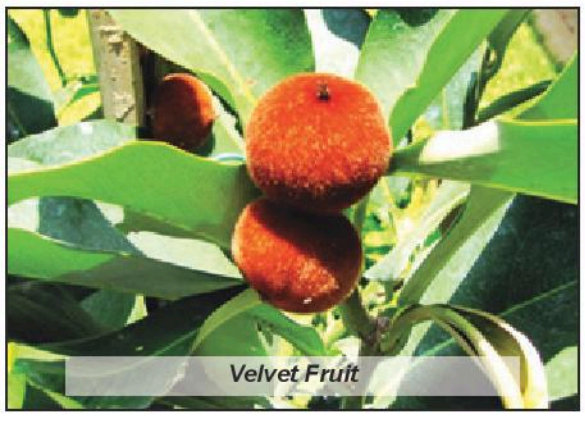
Velvet Fruit

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In my judgment, the garden duo, blessed with green thumb, have not only mastered the techniques of raising any type of garden plants but also the art of grafting. The super-specialist grafter in him, Dr. Mruthyunjayappa can skilfully trim or graft any plant using fitting tools — not an easy job (horticulturists included). The proof lies in the fact that deft hands of the medical doctor have made surgical correction to most of the trees either in the form of graft or shaping them to uni-branch trees.

When I asked the difficult plant to graft, he said it is 'Gauva.' Soon after, I left the place fearing the Doctor might graft a plant part on to my body. For me the visit was a learning experience.

With an array of fruits-n-nuts and other plant life in it, the garden at 'Santrupti' is not only a home garden but a knowledge house. A must visit for the researchers and students of Agri-horticulture and Botany. For the plant enthusiast, it is worth emulating the duo's quest for planting more and more new plants and expanding their knowledge on garden techniques every day.

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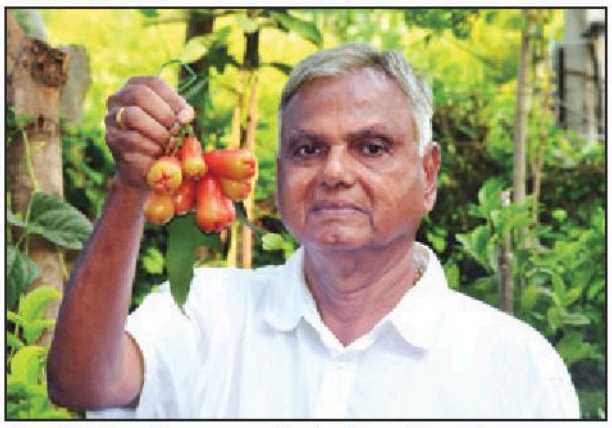
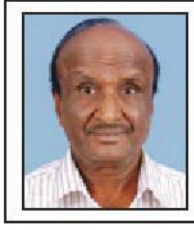


Dr. Mruthunjayappa displaying Syzygium samarangense (Common names: Wax apple, love apple, java apple, royal apple, bell fruit (or bellfruit), Jamaican apple, water apple).

Dr. Mruthunjayappa is a doctor (MBBS) by profession with a Bachelor's degree in B.Sc (Botany) as well. The medical practitioner started the clinic in Sargur, the most backward area in H.D. Kote taluk and served the people for more than 35 years and later shifted to Mysuru. He also served as a Medical Superintendent of JSS Hospital, Mysuru, for a short period. He is also an environmentalist and philanthropist. During his medical career at Sargur, he treated poor patients free of cost and also constructed dwelling houses for his subordinate staff as owners. He is a Trustee / Member in many social service organisations. In Sargur he started 'Vanasiri' Trust (Founder-President) devoted for afforestation and wild life protection and was responsible for creating tree belts around Sargur. After shifting to Mysore (Srirampura), he is responsible for planting many trees in the locality. He received Vaidyarathna award (2011) for his outstanding services as a medical doctor. His hobby is gardening and travelling abroad. His wife Sudha is a Science graduate and joins hands in all the activities of the doctor. The philanthropist couple have donated generously to many organisations involved in social cause. Very recently, they donated the entire prize money (Genome Saviour Reward, 2015) to a poor farmer (Rs. 1 lakh) and a social organisation (Rs. 0.5 lakh).

Dr. Mruthunjayappa resides at #72, 'Santrupti,' Shantala Marga, Srirampura, Mysuru-570008.



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Vatal Nagaraj calls for Karnataka Bandh on June 12

Mysuru, June 4- Kannada Chaluvali leader Vatal Nagaraj has given a call for State Bandh on June 12 to protest against the privatisation of public sector units, including BEML, and the Government's delay in declaring a loan waiver to farmers.

He went around the city mobilising support for the Bandh and said that over the years the Government had closed down Kolar Gold Field (KGF), HMT, allowed the merger of State Bank of Mysore (SBM) with SBI erasing its existence, and there are now plans to privatise BEML.

"We will not allow the closure or privatisation of any unit in the State and hence have called for a State Bandh," he said.

Disruption of BSNL service at Bandipalya

Mysuru, June 4- The services of BSNL landline, broadband, leased lines etc., are disrupted in and around Bandipalya 'B' Block of Mysuru city due to breakdown of the underground cable in Outer Ring Road.

The restoration work by BSNL is in progress and efforts will be made to restore the services at the earliest. The inconvenience caused to the customers is regretted. Customers are requested to co-operate with BSNL.

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World Environment Day on June 5

More Action, Less Celebration

By Ashvini Ranjan
Mysore Grahakara Parishat

June 5 each year, people are called upon to celebrate the "World Environment Day." It is equated to a festive event to rejoice and be happy. But the term celebrate sounds inappropriate given the current status of health of our earth's environment.

More appropriately, World Environment Day should be termed 'World Contemplation Day'! A day dedicated to serious thought to the ways of containing or reducing the damage that man is causing to the environment and threatening continuance of life itself on earth. The damage that the earth has suffered across the globe is true even to our backyard, Mysuru. In our own unique way, we too have inflicted damage to this little space we occupy.

June 5, which also coincides with the onset of monsoon, we are likely to witness a flurry of activity around us. Mostly symbolic, mechanical or fulfilling an official mandate. A day dedicated to 'tokenism'. The day will be marked with symbolic planting of tree saplings by VIPs or announcing a grandiose environment-related scheme just for the occasion. As the rains recede around September and the tree planting activity comes to a halt, it is business as usual. The trees planted either dry up for want of water and care or become fodder to road side cattle. Even those few trees that are protected by tree guards provided either by the Forest Department or by philanthropists dry up for want of regular nourishment. The drill will repeat around the same time next year with no mention of data of how many trees survived from the past initiative.

The months of March/April this year, the city witnessed an unprecedented increase in temperatures and pollution levels. The ground water table depleted to record low levels. Mysuru with Cauvery and Kabini rivers flowing not too far away, experienced acute drinking water shortages. Those of us who are natives will remember Mysuru as a small city with tree lined avenues, lakes, parks, wide roads etc. The air was clean and never a shortage of water. With passage of time, the city has undergone enormous change. Most of it unwanted. From a city of about two lakh population during 1970s and 80s, today

we are close to a million. With more people coming to live in the city, the number of residential houses and buildings have increased. Roads are being widened, the lakes are dying either because the feeder channels have been blocked with encroachments or pollutants entering the lake. The biggest casualty has been the destruction of trees and the disappearance of gardens that Mysuru was famous for.

What is more alarming is the decline of the level of concern and sense of ownership for the city's well-being by its own residents. Not long ago, Vivekananda Road in Yadavagiri in Mysuru, was widened and asphalted. A few trees had to be inevitably cut while most others had to be trimmed. Shockingly, a JCB was used to trim the protruding branches and in the process uprooted and damaged entire trees. While this went on for many hours, not a single resident intervened to stop the reckless act. Not until an activist visiting the area raised alarm and stopped further damage. It is imperative that the citizens participate more actively in safeguarding the interest of the city. If Mysuru lost its coveted position of being the cleanest city in India to Indore during 2017, it is not entirely due to the failing of the city administration. The citizens too fell short to actively partake in the process.

With the onset of monsoon, the immediate task on hand is to increase the greenery of Mysuru. To ensure ponds and lakes receive unhindered flow of water to replenish ground water aquifers. But a real and meaningful change can come about only when the public become individually aware and consciously take responsibility to preserve the environment. Be it planting a tree sapling, disposal of garbage or voicing dissent when required. To make every authority accountable for the tasks undertaken. Nature has warned us sufficiently and a time has come to take serious note and act. We are duty-bound to leave this house in order for the next set of occupants.

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To contribute to greening of Mysuru, the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) is renewing its earlier involvement of planting and protecting trees in any and all vacant plots of city with several like-minded NGOs. Every citizen, especially the youth, should get involved in this important task of greening Mysuru. Those interested may contact MGP on Ph: 2515150 or Mob: 98451-13234.

Training for Food Safety Supervisors held

Mysuru, June 4 (SP&NNN)- "The Indian food processing industry accounts for 32 percent of the country's total food market, one of the largest industries in India and is ranked fifth in terms of production, consumption, export and expected growth," said Dr. Chidamabar, Designated Officer, Food Safety and Standard Authority, Mysuru District.

He was speaking after inaugurating a training programme for Food Safety Supervisors organised by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India and CII Foundation as part of its Surakshit Khadya Abhiyan, at a private hotel in city on Friday.

He said that 50 percent of Indian consumer base is below 30 years. The food processing industry contributes around 14 percent of manufacturing Gross Domestic Product (GDP), 13 percent of India's exports and six percent of total industrial investment. Food processing sectors have the potential to attract as much as US $33 billion of investment over the next 10 years and also to generate employment of nine million person-days.

India already has all the requirements for a head-start in the food-processing industry. Especially, Mysuru is well placed for this sector as the basic materials such as food grains, pulses, vegetables, meat and fish can be sourced locally, he said and added that the presence of prominent R and D institutions like CFTRI and DFRL is an important unique selling propositions for the medium, small and micro enterprises, to explore newer products and technologies.

"As a consumer I expect and demand safe, good quality food. Successful domestic and exports depends on these factors. It is very critical that food industry meet their food safety and quality responsibilities by implementing quality assurance systems along the food production chain. This can be achieved with good manufacturing practices, good hygienic practices etc," he said.

CII, Mysuru Chairman Arjun Ranga, Head V.M. Mouli and Senior Consultant Dr. K.N. Shasikant, Food Safety and Quality of CII Food and Agriculture Centre of Excellence and a national resource person of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, New Delhi, were present. Nearly 30 people from various food industries are participating in the one-day training programme.

Dejagow played a key role in the growth of State Universities: Writer

Mysuru, June 4 (DVG&DM)- Maintaining that Dejagow (D. Javaregowda) dedicated his entire life for realising Kuvempu's dream of a unified Karnataka, senior littérateur Dr. Malali Vasanthkumar said that Dejagow played a vital role in the growth of State Universities.

He was speaking at *Nadoja, Padmashri Dr. Dejagow Nudi Namana,* marking the first death anniversary of the nonagenarian littérateur at Maneyangala in Kalamandira here recently.

Pointing out that Dejagow's commitment to Kannada land, language and water was unquestionable, Vasanthkumar said that Dejagow realised Kuvempu's dreams of taking University of Mysore to greater heights, by starting to work from Prasaranga.

Stating that Dejagow spent most of his earned money on literature, folk literature and folk museums, he said that Dejagow was instrumental in the establishment of many Universities in the State and added that Dejagow was both a Guru and an ardent Kannada promoter.

Earlier, tributes were paid to Parvathamma Rajkumar and Prof. T.L. Yellappa Bootaiah, former Visiting Professor of Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Study Chair, University of Mysore.

Prof. G.S. Bhat, writer Dr. C.P. Krishnakumar (CPK), Social Worker K. Raghuram, writers Prof. K. Bhyravamurthy and Dr. Neelagiri Talwar, Hardwicke PU College Principal Hiremarali Dharmaraj, Dr. T.K. Kempegowda, Prof. Besur Mohan Palegar, Dr. K. Leela Prakash and others were present during the occasion.

Dance, music programmes entertain
gathering at Congress mega convention

Playback singers Rajesh Krishnan and Dr. Shamita Malnad entertained the gathering during the 'Sarakari Soulabhya Vitarana Sambhrama' a mega Congress convention organised at the Maharaja's College Grounds in city yesterday. The occasion also witnessed performance by students of Raghuleela Music School headed by Sunitha Chandra Kumar. Today, 'Swaha' troupe will present World Percussion Band from 6 pm to 7 pm and Playback singer Naveen Sajju will perform from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Dharmendra Kumar Meena takes charge as Chamarajanagar SP

Chamarajanagar, June 4 (SS &DM)- Young IPS Officer **Dharmendra Kumar Meena** *(in pic)* took charge as the new SP of Chamarajanagar here on Friday.

He took charge from Additional SP Geetha Prasanna, who was holding additional charge as incharge SP following the transfer of Kuldeep Kumar Jain.

Jain, who had served as Chamarajanagar SP for nearly 2 years, was recently transferred and posted as Vijayapura SP.

The Government then had posted Rohini Katoch Sepat in his place. But a few days later, the Government, after cancelling Rohini's transfer, appointed Dharmendra Kumar, who was serving as Dharwad SP, as the new Chamarajanagar SP.

Two riders injured in bus-bike collision

Mysuru, June 4 (YDS&DM)- Two motorcyclist sustained serious injuries when the two wheeler they were riding was knocked down by a bus near KSRTC Layout on Mysuru-T. Narsipur Road last evening.

The injured, who have been identified as Yogaraj, 23, of Mysuru and Varad S. Digadi, 24, of Belagavi are being treated at a private hospital in city. Both the injured youths are students at Government Engineering College in Chamarajanagar.

Yogaraj and Varad were returning to Mysuru in a motorcycle from T. Narasipur at about 4.30 pm, when a T. Narasipur-bound private bus (KA-06 C-3388) knocked down the motorcycle near KSRTC Layout. The locals shifted the two in an ambulance to a private hospital. Siddarthanagar Traffic Police have registered a case in this regard.

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Wonder Woman (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 3.40 pm 6.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Pirates of the Caribbean (E)	(S-1)	1.00 pm
Sachin: A Billion Dreams (H)	(S-2)	10.00 am, 3.40 pm
Baahubali-2 (Te)	(S-2)	6.30 pm; (S-3) 12.50 pm
Baahubali-2 (H)	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Baywatch (E)	(S-2)	9.50 pm; (S-3) 4.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.55 am
Andhhagadu (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Pataki (K)	(S-3)	10.00 am, (S-4) 4.20 pm
Eleyaru Naavu Geleyaru (K)	(S-4)	7.10 pm
Dobaara: See Your Evil (H)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Adventures of Omanakuttan (Ma)	(S-3)	6.35 pm
Sarkari Kelasa Devara Kelasa (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON MONDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.35 Sanutigeete, 6.45 Bhavageete, 7.15 Sponsored Prog., 7.45 Film Songs, 8.35 Navilugari, 10.00 Vocal Recital, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs, 11.00 Kamanabillu, 11.30 Keli Kali, 12.00 noon Chukki Chinna, 12.30 Mahila Ranga, 1.00 Devotional Songs, 1.30 pm Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Chinnara Chukki, 3.00 Vividha Bharati Programme, 4.00 Yakshagana, 5.00 Gaana, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Yuvavani, 9.16 Rangageete, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs.

Statistical preview for India-Pakistan clash

Birmingham, June 4- One win for India against Pakistan in Champions Trophy history out of three. This is the only ICC tournament in which Pakistan have beaten India. Their only win against Pakistan in Champions Trophy came in 2013 when they won by 8 wickets at Edgbaston: the clash will be at the same venue this time.

Interestingly, they had played at Edgbaston in 2004 as well; Pakistan has won that match by 3 wickets.

Five wins for India at Edgbaston out of 8 matches, a rate much better than Pakistan's 4 out of 11 at this ground. Pakistan's last win at this venue came against India in 2004 edition of Champions Trophy; since then they have lost three matches here.

1.25 win-loss ratio for India in ODIs since 2015 World Cup, which is better than Pakistan's 0.8. However, overall, India and Pakistan stands at 8th and 9th position in the list of best win/loss ratio since World Cup 2015.

3rd-lowest bowling strike rate (43.1) among all teams for Pakistan since the 2015 World Cup. India's is 38.4.

39.9 bowling average of Pakistan team since the 2015 World Cup, worst for any team. On the other hand, India's bowling average is 34.93.

91.32 India's average batting strike rate in ODIs since the 2015 World Cup, 4th-best in the world; Pakistan are at 6th position with 89.28.

39.25 India's batting average since the 2015 World Cup, 2nd-best by any team; Pakistan are at 4th position with 35.54. *[Courtesy: Internet]*

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TODAY'S MATCH

India Vs Pakistan
Venue: Edgbaston, Birmingham, 3 PM

TOMORROW'S MATCH

Australia Vs Bangladesh
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EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 4)

Impressionz: Fashion extravaganza, Hotel Southern Star, **up to 8.30 pm.**

Cotton and Silk Fab-2017: An expo-cum-sale of ethnic and traditional silk, cotton and handloom products made by master weavers from all over India, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, **up to 9 pm.**

District Administration, Department of Kannada and Culture, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Federations of Urs Community: Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti, Procession of the portrait of Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar mounted on a silver chariot, accompanied by various art troupes, Police Band and Mounted Police, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar flags off, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, **4 pm;** Stage programme, Sri Varchasvi Siddalinga Raje Urs Swamiji graces the occasion, Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, MLA Vasu presides, staging of 'Prajaraja' based on Sri Nalwadi's perspectives, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**

Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Mysuru: Inauguration of Yakshagana Classes, Bellipadi Yaksha Samskrutika Vedike President Dr. Bellipadi Satish Rai chief guest, Immediate Past President Achladi Balakrishna Shetty presides, Vijaya Vittala School premises, **4.30 pm.**

Navabharat Nirman Seva Samithi: World Environment Day celebrations, environmentalist Nadoja Salumarada Thimmakka inaugurates, Minister Tanveer Sait inaugurates public library, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar and Corporator K.T. Cheluvegowda chief guests, MLA Vasu presides, Prof. M. Krishne Gowda delivers the introductory address, music concert by Jogi S. Sunitha, Mangala Ravi, Uday Ankola and Vysaraj Sosale, District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates, Vishwamanava Kuvempu Circle, Hebbal, **5 pm.**

Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust & Book Clubs-2015: Mysuru Literature Festival-2017, valedictory address by former Union Finance, Home Minister and Rajya Sabha MP P. Chidambaram on 'power and accountability' from his latest book, Wind Chimes, Nazarbad, **5.15 pm.**

Venkatagiri Prakashana, Kuvempunagar: Book release — Nagarathna Hemmige's "Chittara mattu Vajravarthula" — by Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy Trust President S. Ramdas and scholar Dr. K. Anantaramu, littérateur Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar presides; Mungaru Kavigoshti (poets' meet), The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **5.15 pm.**

JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust, Mysuru: Basava Jayanthi Music Festival, Karnatak Music concert by **Vid. Hemmige S. Prashanth,** accompanied by Vid. Matthur Srinidhi on violin, Vid. B.S Prashanth on mridanga and Vid. Anil Parashar on khanjira, JSS Primary School Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**

Sankeerthana Sabha - Kalasandesha Pratishtana: Devotional Songs recitation by K. Shreya and Vaishnavi Datta, accompanied by V. Sharath on keyboard and Vinay Rangadhol on tabla, Sri Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple, Vishweshwaranagar: 43rd Vardhanti Mahotsava-2017, Kalyanotsava, **6 pm.**

Department of Information and Public Relations and District Administration: Kotta-Maatu-Ditta Sadhane, Cultural programme by World Percussion Band by 'Swaha' troupe, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Cultural programme by playback singer **Naveen Sajju,** Maharaja College Grounds, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Discourse on 'Sampurna Srimadramayana' by Prof. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

Rangayana: CGK Amateur Theatre Festival, staging of play 'Obbalu' based on Dario Fo and Franca Rame authored 'A Woman Alone' [Director: D. Prasannakumar; Troupe: Channel Theatre, Pandavapura], Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 5)

Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple, Vishweshwaranagar: 43rd Vardhanti Mahotsava, Sankalpa and Palani Panchamruta Abhisheka, **6.15 am;** Mahamangalarati, **10 am;** Utsava, **6 pm;** Mahamangalarati and Prasada Viniyoga, **7.30 pm.**

Mahajana Education Society and Mahajana Public School: Talk on Environment Day by Scientist Dr. Mahadeswara Swamy, MES President R. Vasudeva Murthy, Vice-President Muralidhar Bhagavath, Secretary Dr. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Principal M.S. Rajeshwari Iyer will be present, Mahajana Public School, Jayalakshmipuram, **9 am.**

District Administration, District Legal Services, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Dept. of Public Instruction, Institution of Engineers-India, Janajagruti Grameena Abhivriddhi Samsthe: World Environment Day celebrations, Principal District and Sessions Court Judge P.G.M. Patil inaugurates, DC D. Randeep presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution premises, JLB Road, **10 am.**

Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens: World Environment Day, Inauguration and signature campaign, **10 am;** Nature walk with elephant calf Chamundi, **10.15 am;** Naming ceremony of a zebra, **11 am;** Tree planting, **12 noon;** Himalayan Black Bear will be released into its new home, **1 pm;** Painting competition with the theme 'Connecting People to Nature,' **2.30 pm;** Naming ceremony of a giraffe, **4.30 pm;** Feedback, **5 pm.**

Impressionz: Fashion extravaganza, Hotel Southern Star, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**

Sri Jayachamaraja Ursu Educational Trust and Sri Vani Vilas Ursu Educational Institutions, Nazarbad: 113th birth anniversary celebrations of Srimanmaharaja Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Sri Jayachamaraja Ursu Educational Institutions Secretary Mahesh N. Urs presides, Yuvaraja College Asst. Professor Sandesh Ratnapuri chief guest and main speaker, Lecture Hall, **11 am.**

Sri Nataraja Women's PU College, Sri Hosmutt: World Environment Day celebrations, Asst. Professor Dr. H.P. Shivaraju inaugurates, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana Academic Co-ordinator Prof. Satyanarayana chief guest, College Principal G. Prasada Murthy presides, B.Com Room, **11 am.**

Elder Citizen's Council, Jayalakshmipuram: Talk on 'Mental and Physical Health - Yoga and Ayurveda' by Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar, Council President Dr. N.K. Ramachandregowda presides, Council premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm.**

The Institution of Engineers-India (IEI): World Environment Day celebrations,CSIR-Emeritus Scientist Dr. T. Shivanandappa guest speaker, IEI Mysuru Chairman M. Chinnaswamy presides, S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha: Discourse on 'Sampurna Srimadramayana' by Prof. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

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